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SUBJECT: CUBAN EMBASSY BOMBED

- 1. A SMALL BOMB EXPLODED ON THE GROUNDS OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN KINGSTON DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF AUGUST 6. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND ONLY MINOR WINDOW BREAKAGE AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY. THIS IS THE SECOND SUCH INCIDENT IN RECENT MONTHS. THE CUBAN EMBASSY WAS ALSO BOMBED ON MARCH 26, 1974. ON THAT OCCASION THE BOMB WAS IDENTIFIED AS HAVING CONTAINED A PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE. IT LEFT A SUBSTANTIAL CRATER AND DID CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE TO THE EXTERIOR OF THE EMBASSY BUILDING. YESTERDAY'S BOMB APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MUCH SMALLER AND IT PROBABLY DID NOT CONTAIN PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES.
- 2. THERE IS NO CLUE AS TO THE PERPETRATORS OF THE LATEST BOMBING AND THUS FAR NO GROUP INSIDE OR OUTSIDE JAMAICA HAVE TAKEN CREDIT FOR IT. TWO JCS CONSTABLES WERE ON DUTY AT THE TIME AND OUR EARLIEST INFORMATION INDICATES THEY NEIGHER HEARD NOR SAW ANYTHING. A LATER REPORT GIVEN TO THE PRESS MENTIONS A SLOWLY PASSING CAR JUST BEFORE THE EXPLOSION
- 3. THUS FAR PRESS COVERAGE OF THE INCIDENT HAS BEEN MODEST AND OTHER REACTIONS HAVE BEEN NIL. PRESS STORIES CONFIDENTIAL

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QUOTE AN OFFICIAL OF THE CUBAN CONSULATE AS SAYING

"WE FEEL WE HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS IN JAMAICA AND WE
ARE NOT DISTRUBED BY THE BOMB THROWN IN OUR PREMISES
THIS MORNING " GERARD

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